

# ANAS LOBATA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* lamelloso-dentatum, convexum, obtusum.  
*Lingua* ciliata, obtusa.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 194.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

ANAS NIGRICANS, transversim griseo-lineata,  
subtus pallidior, rostro subtus lobato.

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Distinguitur hæc avis, jam primo descripta, vultu non tam venusto quam novo et sibi peculiari. Color ejus generalis cinereus est, collo et inferioribus partibus longe pallidioribus, huc illuc obscure maculatis. Per dorsum fusco-nigricans et quasi fuliginem transverse ducuntur lineæ plurimæ albidæ, atomique innumeri concolores, ut cernere est in Caprimulgo Europæo. Præcipuam autem habet avis distinctionis notam, carunculam nigram, planam, orbiculatam, magnam, quæ longitudinalis dependet a mandibula inferiore. Rostri nigri lata est basis, marginibus admodum pectinatis. Nigrant quoque pedes. Cauda acuminata. Rarissima hæc avis in Australasia innascitur, eamque in Britanniam intulit

intulit Dominus Archibaldus Menzies, qui una cum Domino Vancouver iter nauticum nuperrime perfecit, explorationis causa. Magnitudo est quasi Anatis Boschadis. Asservatur specimen in Museo Britannico.





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THE  
LOBATED DUCK.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* broad and flattened; the edges marked with sharp lamellæ.

*Tongue* broad and ciliated at the edges.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BLACKISH DUCK, lineated tranversely with greyish, paler beneath: the under mandible lobated beneath.

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This bird, which is an entirely new and hitherto undescribed species, is less remarkable for the beauty than the singularity of its appearance. Its general colour is cinereous, which on the neck and lower parts is much lighter than on the upper, as well as marked obscurely by several dusky spots. The back is of a very deep ash-colour, or fuliginous blackish; marked with numerous tranverse whitish lines, together with innumerable freckles of a similar colour, not unlike those on the back and wings of the common Goatucker, or *Caprimulgus Europæus*; but the most singular character of the bird is a large, black, flat, orbicular flap or wattle, seated longitudinally

tudinally beneath the lower mandible. The bill is broad at the base; much pectinated at the edges, and black: the legs are also of the same colour: the tail is of a sharpened form. This curious species is a native of New Holland, and is about the size of a common Duck. The specimen is preserved in the British Museum, and was brought over by Mr. Archibald Menzies, who accompanied Captain Vancouver in his late voyage.